



Gulf Tidings



News Flash News Flash

Gulf Tides Awarded "Resort of International Distinction"



The staff is proud to announce that Gulf Tides received the news last month that we have been awarded the "Resort of International Distinction", (RID), title from RCI. This benefits owners who exchange their units to other resorts by giving them more trading power. This award recognizes the high quality of service, accommodations, maintenance and housekeeping.

The staff has been glowing since the news broke and have set their sights on the highest award, "Gold Crown" status sometimes next year.

More Unit Upgrades

Phase 1 & 3 have received all new Dishwashers this summer. Measurements for new carpeting have been received and with a schedule to start replacing Phase 2 by the end of this year and have all carpeting replaced by the end of 2003. Bids are also being taken for replacement of the parquet flooring in Phase 2 for next year as well. New mattresses for the guest bedrooms have been added this past week.

Double Your Fun!

Owners interested in exchanging their vacation time at Gulf Tides for other resort destinations will be pleased to learn that the Association is currently working on dual affiliation with the two largest international vacation companies. Upon execution of all the contracts currently being discussed, you may become a member of either RCI (Resort Condominiums International) or II (Interval International). Also the Association is offering the new RCI Points Program to all owners.

We are in the process of finalizing these added benefits and additional information will be mailed when all details are completed.

Foreclosure Sales On The Rise!

A mailing went out the first part of June giving all owners the opportunity to purchase recently foreclosed weeks at discounted prices.

Paperwork is being mailed out to those owners who bid and now the units are being offered to the general public. Our sales department informed us that there are many interested parties.

The upgraded quality of Gulf Tides accommodations has not gone unnoticed by the public. Even in these uncertain times for travel, the rental department has seen an increase in activity. Guests are turning into new owners. The price of our vacation ownership represents a terrific value, especially with RCI award recognition. As a way of saying THANK YOU, the sales department will provide a bonus week of vacation to any owner who refers a friend or family member to Gulf Tides that becomes a new owner. You will

need to be a current member of RCI to use the bonus week. Contact Kandy Reynolds at 800-201-9983, 941-387-9191 or Kandy@VacationFLA.com for details.

With all the renovations to the exterior and next year's focus on the interior of the units, we expect sales to really take off and prices of units to increase.

Stepping Stones, Shrubs and Bushes "OH MY"

Yes, landscaping has begun. We have the plans in hand and we have started the work to beautify the beach side. We will be placing stepping stones between the buildings, with bushes and shrubs to fill in bare areas, as well as building a raised grill area near the tiki hut. We will be shelling the drives in front of Phase 1 & 3 shortly to give the property a more finished look.

The fencing on the bayside entrance way will be removed and oleanders will be planted to add some color and give the driveway a more streamlined look. Oleanders will also be planted in the back area behind the office. Several coconut palms will be placed in the back area next year as well.

Cunningham Property Management would like to recognize all the owners for their patience during the past 6 years through the reconstruction process. It takes time to rebuild. But, according to completed surveys, over 90% of you are pleased with the results. Please continue to forward your thoughts and input.



In Front of Phase 1



Between Phase 1 & 3



Volunteers Needed

Please? If you would like to make a difference at your resort, please volunteer for a place on the Board of Directors. Three Board members will be elected at the annual meeting this year. An application form is enclosed. Below is a summary of what to expect if elected. Thank you!

Board meetings generally take place on four different dates each year. Three of those meetings have historically taken place on a Friday at 10:00am. Two of these Friday meetings are operational in nature, held in the first half of the year. The third meeting is a budget meeting held in August or September. The fourth meeting is our annual Owners Meeting held on a Saturday morning in November, which is immediately followed by a short Board Meeting to elect officers. Board members need to attend all meetings. A quorum consists of a majority of the Board or three members. If a quorum is not reached, the meeting is invalid and there can be no voting. All nominees will be elected to three-year terms.

Since Gulf Tides is a not-for-profit corporation and fully funded by maintenance fees, Board member expense reimbursement has been carefully considered. Expense reimbursement is defined as follows: only members who travel over 50 miles one way are entitled to travel reimbursement; miles are reimbursed at the current rate imposed by the IRS and reimbursement is capped at \$200 per Board member, per meeting. **APPLICATION AND RESUME MUST REACH OUR OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2002 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR A SEAT.**

Keep in Touch

Please help us keep our records current. If you have moved recently or changed jobs, please advise us of your new information.

IF YOU ARE ARRIVING LATE

Late arrivals will find your keys in our lock box. The lock box is located in the laundry room in unit #108 on the pool/tennis side of Gulf of Mexico Drive.

The lock box has five buttons and a turn knob. To open the box, you must press the buttons in the combination coded by the office, then turn the knob to the right. Call the office for the combination.

Weekly Owners Meeting

Julia Mansfield invites all Owners to the weekly meeting held in her office at 11:30am on Mondays after the breakfast. Meetings are open to all owners and are intended to provide information on current and future projects, as well as answer any questions or listen to suggestions. Please come to the meetings during your stay or if you are in the area.

Unit Occupancy

The number of people allowed to occupy a unit is not only set by our condominium documents, but also by fire codes which must be followed:

Studio	-	4 people
1 Bedroom	-	6 people
2 Bedroom	-	6 people

Anyone who stays overnight at the resort, is considered an occupant and must be listed with the front desk at check-in.

This is strictly enforced and we will ask those over the limit to leave the property.

Check In/Check Out

Check In	-	4:00pm
Check Out	-	10:00am

Please observe these times.

Cunningham Management Corp

Sharon Cunningham
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Current Board

Walter Fleming - **President**
Richard Stehle - **Vice President**
Dorothy Pietrano - **Secretary**
Stuart McEnerney - **Treasurer**
Steven Miller - **Board Member**

We would like to welcome to the Board of Directors Steven Miller who was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Peg Reser's untimely death. Mr. Miller is a new owner and we appreciate his willingness to serve.



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